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POPULAR RULE IN OREGON.

At the election next month the votof Oregon will have submitted to them through the initiative and referandum thirty-eight separate measures. The pamphlet containing a statement of these proposed laws, together with he arguments for and against them, has been sent out as required by law. contains 260 well-packed pages, nounting to 125,000 words, and has been mailed to the 100,000 voters who have to pass upon the questions. on each of these thirty-eight measures supposed to form a definite opinion from the argunents submitted or from other sources of knowledge. Moreover, he must make up his mind as to which of the many candidates running for offices, national, State, county, city or town, are best qualified for the places to which they aspire. That is a difficult task. Can any voter really master the questions properly?

Yet no voter is really expected to nator the questions completely. The authors and advocates of the plan that each voter will confine his few. as he is interested in, and as to which he can form a substantial be decided as to which, under the old system, it was hard to get any effechowever, is clumsy and hazardous. The New York Times very well says of it that it is "hardly more sensible than the traditional Chinese device of roasting pigs by burning the house in which they are shut."

Upon close analysis, it will be seen that the treatment of a serious question, chiefly or wholly by the group of voters especially interested in it, is not a truly popular decision. That up on the average voter a great mass of decisions to be made at frequent intervals is perplexing for him. There is great danger of manipulation of such an election by special interests.

The real need is not the multiplication of elections, but simplication of them-elections at longer intervals, but the shadowy skeleton. fewer offices to be voted for and more to be appointed, and greater responsibility through less division of it. The issues that are put up to the people Important so that they may be well considered and worthy of considera-

SIR EDWARD GREYS "TRIUMPH."

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are assured, is without a peer as authority on Indian affairs, the AngloLussian convention determinating the
This rapid and constant growth may respective zones of "commercial activbe due in part to the increase in educorns off his toes and give him a good ptiel Mohammedans In

It would seem therefore that standing out against further British his point to "put Persia on her own legs," as a special cablegram phrases solves according to their instincts and it. Sir Edward has builded infinitely have read the article to which we have by providing contrast and echoes in many British and British-Indian papers, is that Sir Edward's over poculiar abilities and tempera-"triumph" may have averted, in addian universal Islamic uprising.

REAL OLYMPIC GAMES.

The athletic contests at Stockholm leges. may have had the dignity and title. but the real Olympic games will be held during the next few days at Boston and New York. What made the writer of jewelled prose on the Greek games historic was not the Orient, has stirred up a brisk discusstruggle for physical supremacy, but sion as to why women are mysteri their welding effect upon the Greek ous. Pierre says that mystery is wo people, the splendor and magnificence of the occasion, and the recognition of members of the sex are not so mysship baseball games may not have any veiled puzzle of the Turkish harem. fan-yet for tense dramatic pictures- Sphinxes. Hearing all this, Professor Olympics.

votes, can compete with the score- cannot be gotten ever. board, and the sport-extra until this Professor Ladd, however, seems to issue is settled. Moreover, millions confuse the mysteriousness attaching opinion, and that in this way most of thought to discussing the prospects of mystery that arises from judging inthe matters will be dealt with intelli- their favorites, to following with eager stinctive things by intellectual standgently. It is urged further that in intelligence the actual play for every ards. Instincts are no more puzzling inning, and to explaining the result than any other manifestation of perthan they will give to the question of sonality if you know they are inand emotional cloud, but they will a thought out attempt to express an bet on the Giants only after an al- idea, you might get the notion the dog ment from every possible angle.

The political philosopher may view find in the spectacle a source of secret joy. For the almost frenzied interest ful whether women are any more mysin the struggle of quick minds and terious than men. They have merely subtle bodies shows how wisely the been put on pedestals so tall that they method is open to much abuse, if not common people seize upon life itself, got blurred in the clouds. to actual defeat of the principle and toss aside the wrappings and sought to be established. Also, piling machinery. If in the pretty was of athletes men feel a keener sense of living, if they forget the petty cares excitement makes them kin to the vast energy of the universe, they have achieved the reality, the heart of life for which politics and civilization is

The people of Missouri vote this creating a State Tax Commission. It would consist of three members, apsointed by the Governor. The salary It is semi-officially announced that duty of the commission shall be "to in the negotiations at Balmoral be- see that the laws concerning the astween M. Cazonoff, the Russian minis- sessment of property and the levy and ter of Foreign Affairs, and Sir Edward collection of taxes are faithfully en-Grey, regarding the fate of Persia, the forced and to adjust and equalize the British minister "triumphed." It was valuation of property and perform such o secret that the definite and parti- other duties as may be required by cular object of M. Sazonoff's visit was law." There is little doubt that the Iran; the trans- people of Virginia we forming of spheres of influence into allowed to substitute their common will, on foot or in cavalcades, present actual physical possessions and domina-sense for the extravagent indifference of their legislative representatives.

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so far as the pledges to Persia, in the so far as the pledges to Persia, in the pact, were concerned, and apprehension that the proposition would be agreed to by Sir Edward brought the government under severe criticism, from both its own organs and the opposition press. This criticism charged that consent to partition would be not only flagrant disregard of national honor, but further trucking to Russia, and was seriously threatening a government crisis.

know that there are more than 2,000 active chapters of Greek letter fractering in American colleges, and then these chapters have to date intended about 389,000 men and own property valued at \$15,000,000. These great totals have had their largest increase within the last fourteen years, according to Baird's "Manual of College Fraternities." The present extension of the fraternity system is a significant element in the modern college. Seven new academic frater-Through his "triumph" Sir Edward nities for men have been instituted has pulled the government out of a very since 1828, making the list total swkward box; but the influence would thirty-six. The increase in memberseem destined to be much more far- ship has been more than 20 per cent. reaching and important than in con- the active chapters have mounted tributing to saving the ministry. The from 781 to 1,141, and the number of question of the dismemberment of houses owned or rented from 348 to the people in North Carolina to come The women's societies snow and has been a much more burning one similar mains. They number twenty-According to a recent article in the (1.575 members, as compared to 11,798. According to a recent article in the (1.575 members, as compared to 11.768.

London Times, written by one who, we in the professional organizations the ing behind a mule will give him an

ity, pacification and friendly protecticational institutions, but aside from tion" of the two powers in Persia, has that it indicates that the fraternity inspired a new, a most dangerous, and does fill a real want in undergradua most insidious Pan-Islamic propa- ate life. Certain evils arising from gands. It has been made the occasion the system have been pointed out and for an influx of emissarles from all given just cause for criticism, but in just as big a bag of peanuts as it the great centres of the faithful, who many cases they were sporadic de- ever did. are preaching all through the Orien- pending upon the chapter, or indital empire that the convention was a vidual society, rather than upon the conspiracy instigated by Russia mark- whole group. Some of the other the beginning of the end of a gen- charges, such as the tendency toward Christian combination to suppress snobbishness, aloofness from college the last of the Mohammedan states- life and interference with legitlimate wipe them all out. Our authority scholastic duties, were based on handsome, but he never likes to think is us that some of the most intelli- sounder evidence. But, to the credit of how beautiful she would be in willow's

the fraternities, it must be said that

ply strengthening the government ing in right and proper channels.

The justified conclusion of all who Make it contribute to the common life referred, and which aroused alarming Make the societies feel they owe it tion to crises at home and in India, mystery be abolished and all class or a world-wide crisis as comprehended in money distinctions be dene away with, the fraternities under the guidance of their own wisest alumni can do much to further real democracy in our col-

MYSTERIOUS WOMAN. Pierre Loti, French dreamer and man's chief charm, and that Western this gathering as a symbol of national terious as the Eastern. Therefore unity. While the World's Champion- Pierre's favorite type is the languid profound political significance—al- He thinks our civilization has failed though the vice-president is an ardent because it has produced no feminine queness, for splendor, and for cen- Ladd, of Yale, arises to remark that tering the interest of an entire nation, our women are just as mysterious as they are not surpassed by the storied any other women, and gives as proof the lucid statement that "women are In a way these games are superior not understood even by themselves. to politics. Although the people are and therefore, of course, not by men, within a month of the most crucial because so large a portion of woman's election, after the most stirring and motives and of the sources of her vigorous campaign, for sixteen years. feeling and action are instinctive, unthe future of the nation will be care- conscious or subconscious." But all of fully set aside, almost forgotten, un- this tandem language will probably til we find out which nine men are not impress M. Loti because the mysthe best ball-players in the world tery he sees in women is born in his No oratory, no passionate appeal for own soul, and being constitutional,

of voters will give more time and to instinctive action with the real candidate for their president. They dog when it is hungry. But if you will decide how to vote in a vague sfart imagining that the whining is most scientific scrutiny of every ele- was singing. The same is true of with alarm this terrible levity, but the complicate them with a desire for wiser philosopher of humanity will reasonableness. Hence the mystery.

and therefore, for course, and by make a design of course, and by make a few and and there is the control of the course, and by make a few and and the course of the cours of daily grinds, if in some way their Philadelphia, and it revives the foryear on a constitutional amendment The struggle of the pioneers to win attached must not be less than \$3,600 the coming and the repudiation of the per year each. It is proposed that the British tea ship, the promulgation of imposing pictures which the people of a great city can never forget.

WELCOME TARNEELS. "What county do you hall from?" asked a Hanoverian at the fair yesterday of a very agreeable and companionable stranger to whom he had been talking. "I'm from North Carolina," said the stranger smilingly. So be it. Kentucky was once a Virginial county and the annexation of the Old North State as a county would be most desirable were it possible. As it is, the people of the two States like each other so well that they seize every opportunity to mingle like long-lost brethren. The Tarheels who have come to the State Fair and who are pouring in almost every hour are more than welcome and will no doubht make than welcome and will no doubht make the series of themselves at home, and when they go home we hope they'll tell the folks this fact. I do not recall who gave themselves at home, and when they go what a good fair we had and invite all to the next one.

The Blue Ridge Guide says: appetite, a honest living and a sight

who can beat that advice?

There's a bright side to these hard times. A nickel will buy

Where is the old-fashioned man who knew what party nominated John Temple Graves for Vice-President in

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On the Spurof the Meme

By Roy K. Moule

To make effour opeter stew for the average church social send to Baltimore and get a large eyeterness of the largest they have in stock. Hang the eyeter on a string in ten gallons of milk and boil the milk for twenty minutes. After the personality of the oyster has permeated the milk so that there is at least a faint suspicion of it noticeable to the taste, remove the eyeter and wrap it up in the foil and keep it in the ice box until next social. Rubber cysters, manufactured by

ome fellers talk of the good old days and wish that they would come The ancient days of the ene-hos shays, when there wasn't no rail

shays, when there wasn't no rail-road track.

They were short on wealth, but were long on health and they worked from mourn till night.

Twas a strenyus game, when they staked a claim and hustled with

Fer a bit to eat in the way of meat and a place for to lay their heads. In the old log shacks full of holes

and free, But I'm bound to say that the pres

tent to remain silent for months and read innumerable editorials and articles to the effect that everything was open and fair; that nobody could have been deceived or misled, and that the outburst of surprise on the part of the people was pure hypocrasy, or the result of dense ignorance. After mature deliberation we feel that it is neither fair nor just to remain silent longer. We do not intend to make charges, but state facts.

Abe Martin



back at Wilson? Would not the Republican press have selzed upon it as a slogan to help defeat Wilson, whose nomination, above all others, they did not desire?

In almost every editorial and printive ed article attempting to show that the sending of Ryan was open and above board and known by all, the ery has been for peace, peace in the party at the price of having trust their views to be conceded Peace in the party at the price of having trust magnets represent Virginia would be dearly bought, and the people will never make the purchase.

The mistake may have been innocently made, but it is singular, yet the baid fact remains that Thomas F. Ryan was sent as delegate from Virginia to a Democratic National Convention, I now challenge any public back at Wilson? Would not the Republican press have seized upon it as a slogan to help defeat Wilson, whose nomination, above all others, they did not desire?

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"Poccar" Wanted.

There is a poem, "Old Virginia," and a parody on the poem, and a reply te the parody. The reply runs as follows: "The lines handed me on 'Old Virginia' were written by some Yankee not from Virginia," etc. Can you publish this "reply" for me? I will look in next Sunday's paper for it.

AN OLD SUBSCRIBER.
The limit of Query Column space would, in general, necessitate for the appearance of a piece of verse were its possession of more merit than may be found in "Old Virginia" or the parody or the reply. We shall be giad to forward copy to you if some reader will be good chough to send it and you will send stamp. As to "looking in will send stamp.

February 6, 1832.

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